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SUBJECT: FINNISH DEMARCHE RE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

REF: (A) STATE 169505, (B) COPENHAGEN 4260, (C) OSLO 3284,

(D) STOCKHOLM 2978, (E) REYKJAVIK 0963

1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF MFA POLITICAL DEPT. JYRKANKALLIO CALLED IN DCM JULY 26 TO RECEIVE DEMARCHE CONCERNING US DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. HE ASKED IF USG HAD ALREADY TAKEN DECISION AND WHEN TOLD NO, REMARKED THAT FINNISH DEMARCHE WAS THEREFORE NOT TOO LATE.

2. JYRKANKALLIO, SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY BUT OBVIOUSLY FROM PREPARED POSITION, SAID THAT FINLAND BELIEVED THE ILO TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SUCCESSFUL OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. US WITHDRAWAL COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR ILO. FINLAND UNDERSTOOD US REASON FOR DISSATISFACTION BUT BELIEVED US WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT

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STOP THE POLITICIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION. ON CONTRARY, US WITHDRAWAL COULD INCREASE POLITICIZATION AND SET BACK RECENT EFFORTS MADE BY A NUMBER OF ILO MEMBERS INCLUDING SOME LDC'S TO ARREST TENDENCIES TOWARD CONFRONTATION. FINLAND IN MANY WAYS WAS IN THE SAME BOAT AS THE US, AS ITS ACTIONS AT THE ILC HAS SHOWN. FINLAND WANTED TO REGISTER ITS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF

THE US WITHDREW AND TO EXPRESS ITS DESIRE THAT LONG  
TRADITION OF USEFUL WORK IN ILO BENEFITTING THE STATUS  
OF LABOR WOULD CONTINUE.

3. DCM RESPONDED BY DRAWING ON REF A, STRESSING PARTICULARLY THAT IF THE INDUSTRIALIZED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES WOULD STAND TOGETHER AND DEFEND MORE FORCIBLY THE PRINCIPLES IN WHICH THEY BELIEVED, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER ILO A LOST CAUSE EVEN IN THE EVENT THAT THE US DOES WITHDRAW. DCM ADDED THAT WHILE US LABOR AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD EACH DECIDED THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF US, NO FINAL ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL USG REACHES A DECISION SOMETIME AFTER MID-AUGUST.  
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